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May 27, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
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Re: Applications of AT&T Inc. and Verizon Wireless, WT Docket No. 09-104

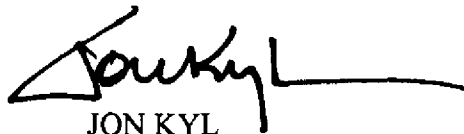
Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing to urge you to render a decision on the application submitted by AT&T to purchase wireless systems from Verizon Wireless that would serve 1.5 million customers in mostly rural communities across 18 states, including parts of Gila and Pinal counties in Arizona, where AT&T currently has little or no presence.

It is my understanding that AT&T filed its application on May 22, 2009, and the FCC still has not rendered a final opinion. I ask that you review the matter and provide the entities involved with a final decision in a timely fashion, as you would for other comparably situated companies with business before the Commission.

Naturally, I neither request nor expect you or your colleagues to take any action that would contravene applicable statutory and administrative guidelines. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



JON KYL
United States Senator

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August 5, 2010

The Honorable John Kyl
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Kyl:

Thank you for your letter urging prompt approval of AT&T's acquisition from Verizon Wireless of FCC licenses and authorizations associated with 79 markets. These authorizations are being divested by Verizon Wireless in connection with its acquisition of ALLTEL Corporation. As you note, many of the authorizations at issue in this proceeding concern wireless operations in rural areas.

On June 22, 2010, the Commission adopted a *Memorandum Opinion and Order* approving the transaction with conditions. To ensure that approval of this transaction serves the public interest, the Commission adopted several conditions, including conditions relating to roaming, preservation of service on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and a commitment by AT&T to divest 15 megahertz of spectrum in one Michigan market. The Commission expects that this transaction will benefit consumers, particularly throughout much of rural America, by giving them access to an array of additional service offerings.

I appreciate your interest in this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Genachowski", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke.

Julius Genachowski